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SUBJECT: 1974 SANTA CRUZ-HINDU KUSH EXPEDITION

REF: STATE 120510; MAY 16, SCHIFFERDECKER-COLDREN LETTER

1. DANESJO (ASST. DIRECTOR, CULTURAL AFFAIRS, MFA) IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED BY PHONE ON RECEIPT OF REF LETTER JUNE 4. APPLICATION AND NOTE STRONGLY URGING FAVORABLE, EARLY ACTION ON EXPEDITION REQUEST HAND DELIVERED JUNE 8. COPIES ALSO PERSONALLY, INFORMALLY GIVEN TO SULTAN GHAZI, HEAD OF AFGHAN TOUR, SAME DAY. PERSONAL LETTER VIA INTERNATIONAL MAIL SENT TO DR. DOZIER BY FELLOW CALIFORNIA COLDREN SAME DAY OUTLINING PROSPECTS.

2. AS NURISTAN REMAINS PROSCRIBED AREA, ENTRY FOR WHATEVER REASON DEPENDENT ON MFA, MINISTRY OF INTERIOR'S PERMISSION. ONLY ONE INSTANCE KNOWN OF PERMISSION IN RECENT MONTHS-AISK 3 DAY FIELD TRIP. DESPITE GENERALLY BLEAK PROSPECT OF APPROVAL, COMPLETENESS OF EXPEDITION APPLICATION, PREVIOUS AFGHAN EXPERIENCE OF EXPEDITION LEADER, DANESJO'S FAVORABLE ATTITUDE TOWARDS MOUNTAINEERING, AND EMBASSY'S REPRESENTATIONS IMPROVE ODDS. AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF, DANESJO SEEMS CONVINCED THAT RECENT BASIS (OR PERHAPS PRETEXT) FOR REFUSALS-WASHED OUT ROADS IN NURISTAN-SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN MUCH WEIGHT IN THIS CASE.

4. FULLY APPRECIATE EXPEDITION CONCERN FOR EARLIEST DECISION. IN DAILY CONTACT WITH DANESHJO, WHO PROMISES DECISION JUNE 13. ELIOT

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